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# Bates Well Ranch Blacksmith Shop



#### Identification:

Preferred Structure Name: Bates Well Ranch Blacksmith Shop

Structure Number: HS01C

Other Structure Name(s):

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1. VVOIRSI

Park: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

Historic District:

Historic District

1. Bates Well Ranch

Structure State: Arizona
Structure County: Pima

Region: Intermountain
Cluster: Southwest

Administrative Unit: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

LCS ID: 056702

## Historical Significance:

National Register Status: Entered - Documented

National Register Date: 05/20/1994

National Historic Landmark?: No
Significance Level: State

Short Significance Description: The Bates Well Ranch Blacksmith Shop, Organ Pipe NM, is one of the

contributing structures to the Bates Well Ranch, entered on the NR, at the state level, under Criterion A, Sonoran Desert cattle raising & B, assoc'n w/Robert L. Gray, Sr. Period of significance for the ranch, 1913-1942.

Long Significance Description: The Bates Well Blacksmith Shop, Organ Pipe NM, is one of 14 contributing

structures and buildings of the Bates Well Ranch, entered on the National Register, at the state level, under Criteria A, Sonoran Desert cattle raising; and B, cattle-ranching property associated with Robert Louis Gray, Sr. The ranch's period of significance is 1913-1942.

The ranch was one of the fifteen ranches and line camps in the Gray family partnership cattle business which developed the ranching potential of the Sonoran desert country north of the border and dominated the lands of Organ Pipe National Monument for nearly 60 years.

The Blacksmith Shop was constructed around 1935, and is a necessary auxiliary building to support the ranching activities at Bates Well Ranch.

The Bates Well property represents a very complete and intact example of the frontier ranching pattern in Arizona typical of the Sonoran Desert during the first third of the twentieth century. It was entered into the National Register of Historic Places on May 20, 1994.

#### Construction Period:

Construction Period:

Historic

Chronology:

		Begin				
Physical	Begin	Year	End	End Year	Ī	Designer
Event	Year	AD/BC	Year	AD/BC	Designer (	Occupation
1. Built	1935	AD				

#### **Function and Use:**

Primary Historic Function:

Agricultural Outbuilding

**Primary Current Use:** 

Abandoned/Unmaintained

Structure Contains Museum

Collections?:

No

Other Functions or Uses:

		Other Function(s) or Use(s)	Historic or Current
	1.	Industrial/Processing/Extraction	Historic
2	2.	Ruin	Current

### Physical Description:

Structure Type:

Building

Volume:

1 - 2,000 cubic feet

Material(s):

		Structural Component(s)	Material(s)
	1.	Walls	Wood
	2.	Framing	Wood

3.	Roof	Metal		
4.	Foundation	Not Applicable		

Short Physical Description:

1 room bldg w/ low-pitched gable roof covered w/ metal sheets, stovepipe hole. Dirt floor; plank & metal siding. 2 benches inside. Front ramada w/ mesquite corner posts, modified RR ties & pipe framing, saguaro rib & corr metal roof w/ slight gable.

Long Physical Description:

1 room bldg w/ low-pitched gable roof covered w/ corrugated metal sheets, stovepipe hole. Dirt floor; plank & corrugated metal siding. 2 benches inside. Front ramada w/ mesquite corner posts, modified RR ties & pipe framing, saguaro rib & corr metal roof w/ slight gable. Building is starting to collapse due to loss of structural integrity. Siding and roofing are falling, corner supports at the back of the structure are failing.